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JANUARY 10

REFS: (A) MBFR VIENNA 623 (DTG 160904Z DEC 76)
(B) STATE 4401 (DTG 080248Z JAN 77)

SUMMARY: SPC ON JANUARY 10 CONSIDERED AHG REQUEST FOR
RELEASE OF AGREED GUIDANCE ON EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS UNDER
THE NUCLEAR OFFER (REF A). WE DREW FULLY ON INSTRUCTIONS
THAT AHG SHOULD ONLY BE AUTHORIZED TO CONFIRM LIMITATIONS
ON US-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT (REF B). THE UK WOULD HAVE
BEEN WILLING TO AUTHORIZE THE AHG TO DRAW FULLY ON PARAS
7-10 OF CM (76) 74, BUT AGREED WITH US THAT THE AHG SHOULD
NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON PARAS 10 AND 17 OF CM (75) 75.
CANADA, BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS COULD GO ALONG WITH AHG
REQUEST IN ITS ENTIRETY, WITH AHG HAVING TACTICAL
FLEXIBILITY ON WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL. FRG HAD NOT
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YET MADE UP ITS MIND. NEXT SPC MEETING JANUARY 17. NO
NEW GUIDANCE NEEDED. END SUMMARY.

1. AT JANUARY 10 SPC MEETING, WE DREW FULLY ON REF B,
AND TABLED THE DRAFT GUIDANCE ON LIMITATIONS ON US
NUCLEAR-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT IN PARA 3 OF REF B.

2. UK REP (HOLMER) SAID THE UK WOULD HAVE BEEN
WILLING TO COMPLY WITH THE AHG REQUEST FOR
AUTHORITY TO DRAW ON PARAS 7-10, C-M (75) 74 IN

THEIR ENTIRETY, MAKING CLEAR THAT LIMITATIONS ON THE ALLIED SIDE WERE ONLY ON SPECIFIED US EQUIPMENT. THE UK AGREED WITH THE US THAT THE AHG SHOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON PARAS 10 AND 17 OF CM (75) 75, SINCE THE UK WOULD CONSIDER SUCH USE AS PREMATURE AND UNWISE.

3. DUTCH REP (MEESMAN) SAID THAT THE NETHERLANDS COULD AGREE TO THE AHG REQUEST IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE NUCLEAR OFFER IS OVER A YEAR OLD AND ONE OF ITS MAIN ELEMENTS IS EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS. THE TIME HAS COME TO GIVE THE AHG THE AUTHORITY TO SET OUT CLEARLY WHAT THESE LIMITATIONS ARE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE NETHERLANDS DID AGREE WITH THE US ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COUNTING RULES DISCUSSION IN THE NEXT NEGOTIATING ROUND. THE AHG WOULD NOT HAVE TO USE ALL OF THE GUIDANCE ON EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS UNLESS IT JUDGED THIS TACTICALLY WISE.

4. CANADIAN REP (BARTLEMAN) SAID THE CANADIAN POSITION WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE NETHERLANDS. HOWEVER HE WAS SURE THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD BE ABLE TO GO ALONG WITH EITHER THE US OR THE DUTCH VIEWS.

5. BELGIAN REP (CROLLEN) SAID THAT BELGIUM ALSO AGREED THAT THE IMPORTANT TASK IN THE NEXT NEGOTIATING
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ROUND WAS TO ENGAGE THE EAST IN A COUNTING RULES DISCUSSION. HOWEVER BELGIUM ALSO DID NOT WANT TO LET THE EAST GET AN ERRONEOUSLY NEGATIVE IMPRESSION OF THE ALLIED NUCLEAR OFFER. BELGIUM COULD THEREFORE GO ALONG WITH THE AD HOC GROUP REQUEST IN ITS ENTIRETY, LEAVING IT UP TO THE AD HOC GROUP WHEN THEY WOULD DRAW ON THIS GUIDANCE.

6. FRG REP (CITRON) SAID THAT THE FRG HAD NOT YET MADE UP ITS MIND ON THE AHG REQUEST REGARDING THE NUCLEAR OFFER. ALL HE COULD SAY AT THIS POINT WAS THAT THE FRG FEELS THAT IF THE AHG USES PARAS 7-10 OF CM (75) 74, THE AHG SHOULD ALSO RECALL PARA 11 WHICH MADE THE POINT THAT LIMITATIONS ON NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST.

7. US REP (MOORE) REITERATED THAT THE US, LIKE BELGIUM, DID NOT WANT TO UNDERMINE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NUCLEAR OFFER. THIS WAS WHY THE US WAS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH GUIDANCE ENABLING THE AHG TO CONFIRM THAT WITHDRAWAL OF US NUCLEAR-CAPABLE F-4S WOULD RESULT IN A LIMITATION ON US NUCLEAR-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT. HE OBSERVED THAT THE AHG MESSAGE, RE C-M (75)74, HAD CONCENTRATED ON AIRCRAFT LIMITATIONS, AND NOT ON NEED

FOR USING THE VARIOUS OTHER ELEMENTS OF PARAS 7-10 OF
C-M(75)74. DISCUSSION OF OTHER LIMITATION ISSUES
NOW WITH THE EAST WAS NOT NECESSARY, COULD SHIFT THE
FOCUS OF THE NEGOTIATION FROM THE COUNTING RULES
DISCUSSION, AND COULD IMPEDE PROGRESS TOWARD NEGOTIATING
OBJECTIVES. THE EMBARGO ON USE OF THIS MATERIAL
BY THE AHG WAS ESTABLISHED FOR POLICY REASONS, AND THE
US DID NOT FAVOR ITS GENERAL RELEASE TO THE AGH.

8. BELGIAN REP WONDERED JUST THE SAME IF IT WOULD
BE WISE TO GIVE THE AHG GUIDANCE ON AIRCRAFT LIMITA-
TIONS AND REQUIRE THE AHG TO COME BACK TO BRUSSELS
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PIECEMEAL FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DRAW ON OTHER ASPECTS
OF THE ALLIANCE POSITION ON LIMITATIONS.

9. NEXT SPC CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE WILL BE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17. NO NEW GUIDANCE NEEDED.
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